

REMARKS

Claims 1, 3-13, 15-18 and 20-24 were pending in the present application. Claims 1, 3-13, 15-18, and 20-24 are canceled herein. Applicant acknowledges receipt of the above-referenced Office Action and traverses the rejections contained therein in their entirety for at least the reasons set forth herein and in the previously filed Response.

Response to §102 Rejections

The Examiner has rejected claims 1, 5-10, 13, 15, 17, 18 and 20-24 under 35 U.S.C. 102 (a) as being anticipated by WO 99/55028 to “*Thomson Multimedia*”. Applicants respectfully traverse the Examiner’s assertion. However, in an effort to expedite prosecution of the instant application, Applicants have canceled Claims 1, 3-13, 15-18 and 20-24 and added new claims 25-44 to further distinguish Applicants’ invention over the prior art.

Response to §103 Rejections

The Examiner has rejected claims 11 and 12 under 35 U.S.C. 103 (a) as being unpatentable over WO 99/55028 to “*Thomson Multimedia*” in view of “Application Critical Parameters for Rubidium Standards” to (“*Weidemann*”). Applicants respectfully traverse the Examiner’s assertion. However in an effort to expedite the prosecution of the instant application, Applicants have canceled Claims 1, 3-13, 15-18 and 20-24 and added new claims 25-44 to further distinguish Applicants’ invention over the prior art.

Conclusion

Having responded to the grounds for objection and rejection in the Office Action mailed on January 31, 2007, Applicants request reconsideration in the instant application pursuant to 37 CFR 1.116 and request that the Examiner pass the application to issue. A Request for Continued Examination is filed concurrently herewith to facilitate such reconsideration. If there is any point requiring further attention prior to allowance, the Examiner is asked to contact Applicants' counsel who can be reached at the telephone number listed below.

In the event that an extension of time is required to make this amendment timely filed, the Commissioner is requested to grant a petition for that extension of time which is required to make this amendment timely and is hereby authorized to charge any fee for such an extension of time or credit an overpayment for an extension of time to Deposit Account No. 50-0653 of Greenberg Traurig LLP.

Respectfully submitted,

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